

MORE RUEF INDICTMENTS.

THE SAN FRANCISCO GRAND JURY ACTS ON FRANCHISE GRANT.

Thirteen more indictments were returned by the grand jury against Ruef and his associates in connection with the United Gas and Electric Company franchise.

The indictments were brought into Judge Wiley's court by the foreman of the grand jury at 5:30 o'clock. They filled a large volume.

Only the grand jury members and the newspaper men were present. After the grand jury had pulled out about a half bushel of indictments and read over the titles of separate batches of indictments Judge Wiley said, with grim humor: "Is that all?"

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BINGHAM BILL IN SENATE.

Cities Committee Reports It By A Party Vote, the Republicans Favoring.

ALBANY, March 20.—The Bingham bill was reported favorably in the Senate today by the Cities Committee. The vote in favor of reporting the bill, which was on a party line, indicates that it is to be made a party measure. The friends of the measure, however, will not relax their efforts in its behalf. It is a matter of history that the bill has been passed by the Senate in the past have been defeated.

In 1899, when Theodore Roosevelt was Governor, he wanted the New York police force reformed, and a bill for that purpose was introduced. A caucus of the Republican Senators was held, but Senator McClellan and Wilcox balked it, and the bill was defeated.

There are thirty-two Republican Senators in the Senate, so that in order to defeat the bill, providing all the Democrats vote against it, it would be necessary to get seven Republican votes. This wouldn't be so hard, one might think. Senator Wilcox, who opposed the Roosevelt police bill in 1899, is still in the Senate, but it is doubtful if all of the Democrats will vote against the bill.

The Assembly passed to-day Assemblyman Prentice's bill providing for a fourth deputy police commissioner in New York. The bill also provides for the Board of Estimate to increase the salaries of the Commissioner and his deputies.

DETECTIVES SAY THEY'LL SUE.

Men Accused by the Rev. Mr. Beattie Deny Truth of His Statements.

Because of the accusations made against them by the Rev. L. W. Beattie in his talk before the Senate Cities Committee in favor of Commissioner Bingham's police bill Detective Sergeants Thomas Munday and John J. Fogarty said yesterday that they intended to institute a civil action. Before a member of the Police Department can bring a civil suit he has to receive the consent of the Commissioner, and it is likely that Gen. Bingham will look into the charges the clergymen made against Fogarty and Munday before permitting them to sue.

Commissioner Bingham wouldn't discuss the affair yesterday, but it was hinted that he believed the Rev. Mr. Beattie had some grounds for his accusations, else he would have gone to Albany and opened up on the two sleuths as he did. Munday and Fogarty denied yesterday that they ever had stood in with crooks or on any deal, and that Beattie's charges were unfounded. Investigation even if the Commissioner refuses to permit them to bring suit. They have good records in the department and have made some important captures since they have been attached to the Detective Bureau.

Fogarty caught Bill Mason and his burglar band, for which he made a detective sergeant, eight years ago. He and Munday broke up a gang of wire tappers and sent the ringleaders to prison. They were also successful in catching the Fifth Avenue Hotel out of \$50,000. Inspector McLaughlin regards them as good men.

The Rev. Mr. Beattie told the members of the Senate Cities Committee that two detectives went out of their way to convict a man whom he believed to be innocent, while they were equally strict in trying to have discharged from custody a prisoner whom the minister thought to be guilty of the theft.

ADIRONDACK GRAB HEARING.

Assemblyman Merritt Admits He Has a Financial Interest in the Matter.

ALBANY, March 20.—The representatives of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, the Merchants' Association and various other bodies and the Adirondacks, appeared to-day before the Judiciary Committee of the two houses at the joint hearing on the O'Neil-Merritt water storage constitutional amendment in favor of the Adirondack power and paper companies. Assemblyman Merritt marshaled a big force from the Adirondacks, consisting of constituents who told what a great thing it would be for the Adirondacks if the constitutional amendment was adopted.

Assemblyman Merritt was asked if he had any interest in the proposed amendment and said he had, a financial one.

The main argument in opposition was made by John G. A. Agnew, who said that the industrial resources of the State were being depleted by the Adirondacks. He said that the industrial resources of the State were being depleted by the Adirondacks. He said that the industrial resources of the State were being depleted by the Adirondacks.

While Assemblyman Merritt says the bill will pay the Legislature this year, there are some doubts, because of Gov. Hughes' amendment to the bill, which would not go to him, but to the people direct at next fall's election.

O. & W. WILL RESIST.

Says It Altered Its Road at the State's Request and Charged What Work Cost.

At the offices of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad it was said yesterday that the company would resist any attempt of the Attorney-General might make to compel it to pay back the \$17,000 which the State had paid to the road on the authority of the canal board. The company had not received Attorney-General Jackson's letter, but seeing it in the newspapers, took it for granted that it had been written. One of the officers of the company said that the company's claim against the State was perfectly legitimate. The canal board had asked the company to make certain changes in its road at Wood Creek. The company did it and simply got from the State what it cost to do it. It was the contention of this officer that the State had no more right to demand compensation than it had to ask the owner of a private house near the canal to move it without paying for damages.

In regard to the Attorney-General's statement that the railroad had no title to the canal property on which its bridge stood, this officer said the records had not been looked up yet, but he presumed that the officers of the road knew what they were doing when they built the bridge. The bridge was built for the canal, and years went a long way in a question of ownership rights. The railroad, it was declared, had nothing to conceal in the transaction. It claimed that the State was for expense incurred in removing the railway bridge across Wood Creek and the canal property of its line, not for damages sustained by the bridge and structures of the railroad.

NEW YORKERS TO REBUILD AUSTRIA'S GREAT DAM.

AUSTRIA, March 20.—The proposition of a New York construction company to rebuild the dam in the Colorado River at this place at a cost to the city of \$2,000,000, to be paid in forty annual installments, has been accepted by the city of Austria.

The dam was swept away by a flood seven years ago.

ANTI-RACING BILL HEARING.

COUNTY FAIR PEOPLE OBJECT TO A YEARLY GRANT.

Demand an Annual Percentage of Excess or Inheritance Taxes Before They Will Consent to the Repeal of the Percy-Gray Racing Law—Ministers Militant.

ALBANY, March 20.—Although it is well known that unless Gov. Hughes sends a special message to the Legislature urging the repeal of the Percy-Gray betting law there isn't a chance of that statute being wiped off the books this year an extended hearing was had to-day on the Jerome bills. The Senate chamber was filled with representatives of the churches and ministerial associations, who were there to urge the passage of the repeal act, while sitting beside them were farmers and representatives of agricultural societies who wanted the law to remain as it is.

It has been planned to overcome the opposition of the agricultural societies by giving them an annual State direct appropriation of \$20,000 for their fairs. J. R. Durkes of Sandy Hill, president of the State Agricultural Society, informed the committee that if the Percy-Gray betting law was repealed then some other provision must be made for the fair associations so they would not have to rely upon the whims of the Legislature each year.

"You will have to allot to us a certain percentage annually of the excess or collateral inheritance tax receipts," he said, "because we are not going to come here every year to appeal for our appropriation."

Senator Cassidy asked Mr. Durkes if the fair associations would favor the bill if they received a direct appropriation. Mr. Durkes said the agricultural societies would wash their hands of the matter, but he could not be made to say that they would not favor the repeal bill, and Senator Cassidy said: "In other words, you propose to be bought for \$20,000?"

Coadjutor Bishop H. W. Nelson of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Albany, the Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, secretary of the New York Federation of Churches, Dr. Durkes of New York city, representing the Baptist churches in the State, the Rev. A. S. Gregg, the secretary of the National Reform Society, who is responsible for the Civil Service, and Henry C. Wright of the Civil Service of New York city spoke in favor of the bill.

The Rev. Peter Farrell of New York, representing the Catholic churches, brought a message from Archbishop Farley asking that the Percy-Gray law be repealed and saying that all Roman Catholics of New York city favored this action.

Mr. Wright said the betting on the track was not stopped, the organized system that lived on gambling could be broken up. Bishop Nelson said that the country fairs in New England, where he had been, were demoralizing. Dr. Barnes said that rather than have the noble horse sacrificed, Mr. Gregg told of having visited racetracks and of having played "sure things" which won. He said that the money bet on the track was the employers' money to bet on race.

The chief argument against the bill was that by Elmer Zabriskie of New York city. He said that the same was possible in the State, and that the bill would stop betting, and that men would bet, no matter how many laws were passed to the contrary. He said that men who bet on races could afford to do so. Mr. Auerbach said that the repeal of the Percy-Gray law would mean the end of the Percy-Gray law, and the end of the breeding business in this State.

District Attorney Jerome's letter was read to the committee by Senator Agnew, and the members who remained in the District Attorney's efforts to get the Canal bill out of committee breathed easy when informed he could not be present.

Over in the Eldridge street house, where a guest of the woman with the baby said that she had been married to Samuel in Russia. He deserted her. She learned of him through friends some time after and followed him.

KELSEY TO APPEAR TO-DAY.

Will Try to Justify His Administration of the Insurance Department.

ALBANY, March 20.—State Superintendent of Insurance Elmer T. Kelsey will appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee tomorrow afternoon and begin his testimony to show that Gov. Hughes is in error in stating he has not satisfactorily discharged the duties of the office he holds. Mr. Kelsey will be examined by ex-Supreme Court Justice Edward Hatch of New York city. Under his questioning it is to be shown that Mr. Kelsey has a record of negligence of business and that he protected the business interests of the State in the San Francisco fire disaster.

The committee will not yet determine whether it will permit witnesses to be examined, but it is to be presumed it will. If witnesses are allowed then the presidents of many insurance companies, as well as editors of insurance papers, will tell what Mr. Kelsey did to protect the policyholders. In the event of witnesses being called, Mr. Kelsey's former Deputy Attorney-General, Danforth E. Ainsworth, will testify that Gov. Hughes advised Mr. Kelsey to retain both Hunter and Vanderpool.

TICKET SPECULATORS FIGHT.

Bill to Abolish Their Traffic Reported Favorably to the State Senate.

ALBANY, March 20.—The Senate Codes Committee reported favorably to-day after a hearing Senator Saxe's bill putting theatrical ticket speculation in New York city under the laws of the State. Charles E. Burnham, manager of Wallack's Theatre and president of the Theatrical Managers' Association, Frederick D. Debarber of the Merchants' Association and John C. Coleman of the West End Association appeared in favor of the bill.

There were about a dozen ticket speculators present.

Mr. Burnham was asked if the theatres didn't have ticket speculators of their own on the sidewalks in front of the theatres. "Why, yes; some of them do," he answered.

"Why do they do that?" he was asked. "Well, you see, these other speculators were there getting higher prices than could be secured at the theatres, so they thought if the outside speculators could do that they could too. But you pass the bill abolishing speculators and the managers will stop it."

NATIONAL GUARD INQUIRY.

Gov. Hughes Says He Has Not Changed His Views as to Investigation.

ALBANY, March 20.—In view of the opposition which developed in the Senate Finance Committee hearing yesterday to reporting the Wainwright bill providing for an investigation of the National Guard, Gov. Hughes to-night was asked if he still thought that such an investigation was desirable. The Governor said he had not changed his position in favor of the measure.

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"WHO STUFFED BALLOT BOX?"

Indecent Result After All Night Wrangle of Glen Ridge School Voters.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., March 20.—A school meeting held in the borough of Glen Ridge last night voted on a proposition advanced by the board to issue \$25,000 in bonds for the erection of a new wing containing four rooms and a laboratory to the present school building. Assembly hall, where the meeting took place, was packed with voters, including about 100 women who had braved the storm. It was after 8 o'clock when the meeting was opened by Charles E. Hinrichs. Several voters rose to speak.

Edmund A. Smith, an old settler, declared that it would be wiser to convert the big assembly room into classrooms than to spend \$25,000 to build a new addition to the building. He said: "Too much space in this school is given up to social functions. It is really a dance hall with a school attached."

Mayor Lookwood defended the custom of using the assembly room for social purposes and asked where the citizens could meet in Glen Ridge if not in the school building. He asked: "What did we come to Glen Ridge for?"

A. B. Hunt asked: "Why don't we do as they do in New York, where they use all available space in school buildings for classrooms?"

At length, when everybody was exhausted from speaking, or listening, the voters formed in line and balloting began. It was nearly 1 o'clock this morning when the ballots were all counted. The result showed that 270 votes had been cast. Of these 157 were in favor of the school bonds, and 113 against it, giving an apparent majority of 43 for the school board.

The victorious faction were just about to cheer when one of the voters, who had been counted, stood up and said that 266 names were on the list of voters and that four ballots had been cast in excess of the legal number.

That upset the whole business. It's no vote! shouted one of the school board opponents, and a further examination of the tally list showed that the school board had counted 270 votes, while the school board had counted 266 names on the list of voters and that four ballots had been cast in excess of the legal number.

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